GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the production of coking coal;

(b) if so, the achievements made in this regard during the last three years;

(c) the target set for production of coking coal in 2004-05 and 2005-06;and

(d) the details of the steps taken to increase the production and remov`; the shortage of coking coal in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. However, due to scarcity of high grade coking reserves in the command area of Coal India Limited, the production is not increasing to the desired level. The production of the coking coal during the last three years in the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited is as under: -

(Figures in million tonnes)

2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
23.83	22.64	22.81

(c) The target set for production of coking coal by CIL during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 are 20.51 million tonnes and 19.49 million tonnes respectively.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the CIL to increase the production of coking coal:-

$ Scheme drawn up to exploit locked up coal reserves in Bharat Coking Coal Limited(BCCL) by re-locating inhabitants of Jharia and nearby areas.

$ Topa RO project of Central Coalfields Limited(CCL) containing coking coal reserves started.

$ CCL has planned to enhance coking coal production by diversion of railway line as well as River Damodar.

$ Production of coking coal under Dhanbad-Patherdih railway line in BCCL started as a short term measure.

$ Extraction of high grade coking coal at Kapuria Block in BCCL is planned as a long term measure.